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### Overview

This bill would amend in various ways an existing law that provides a procedure for the legislature to request an evaluation by the commissioner of commerce of legislation that would mandate that private sector health insurance cover a particular health condition, particular health treatment, or care provided by a particular type of health care provider. The bill adds a requirement for evaluation of all of our current mandates, with the cost of the evaluations to be paid for out of grants received by the state from the federal government for the purpose of creating a health insurance exchange in Minnesota.

- 1 Evaluation of health coverage mandates.**
  - Subd. 3. Requests for evaluation.** Eliminates the application of this section to evaluation of mandates that have not been included in a bill or offered as an amendment, but are only "likely to be introduced or offered as an amendment." Makes it mandatory that a committee chair request the commissioner of commerce to evaluate each mandated health benefit proposal and requires the commissioner to do the evaluation.
- 2 Report to the legislature.** Requires the commissioner of commerce to complete any evaluation within 30 days of the request instead of the current 180 days.
- 3 Evaluation.** (a) Requires the commissioner of commerce, in consultation with the commissioners of health, and management and budget, to evaluate each mandated health benefit in Minnesota statutes or rules, under the process described in subdivision 2 of current law (not shown or amended in this bill).
  - (b) Defines "mandated health benefit."
  - (c) Requires a written report evaluating each existing mandated health benefit by December 31, 2015.
- 4 Appropriation.** Appropriates an unspecified amount for the evaluations required in this bill in fiscal 2013 to the commissioner of commerce from federal grants received by the state for planning, designing, or implementing a health insurance exchange.